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FOR SOBER (NEA), ENDERS (EB), AND ALDRICH (L) FROM ATHERTON
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1. IN NEGOTIATING US-ISRAELI MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING IN
CONNECTION WITH PRESENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, ISRAELIS
HAVE RAISED OBJECTIONS TO FOLLOWING US-PROPOSED LANGUAGE
ON OIL SUPPLY, AND IN PARTICULAR TO LIMITING US ASSURANCE TO
ISRAEL'S "ESSENTIAL" NEEDS; TO THREE YEAR TIME LIMITATION; AND
TO 125,000 BPD CEILING: QUOTE: ISRAEL WILL SEEK TO MAKE ITS
OWN INDEPENDENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OIL SUPPLY TO MEET ITS
REQUIREMENTS THROUGH PURCHASES IN THE MARKET. IN THE EVENT
ISRAEL IS UNABLE TO SECURE ITS ESSENTIAL NEEDS IN THIS WAY,
THE USG, UPON NOTIFICATION, WILL FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS
(SUBJECT O REVIEW) AND WITHIN AN OVERALL CEILING OF
125,000 BARRELS PER DAY, ACT TO ENSURE PROMPTLY THE SUPPLY
AND DELIVERY OF OIL TO ISRAEL IF (A) THE OIL ISRAEL NEEDS
TO MEET ITS REQUIREMENTS IS UNAVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE;
OR (B) AN EMBARGO PREVENTS ISRAEL FROM OBTAINING THE
NECESSARY SUPPLIES OF OIL. (THE FOREGOING IS BASED ON
THE APPLICATION OF THE IEA CONSERVATION FORMULA.)
THE USG ASSURES ISRAEL OF ITS INTENTION TO INFORM THE
CONGRESS, BASED ON EXISTING LEGAL AUTHORITY, OF ITS
UNDERTAKING TO ACT PROMPTLY TO ENSURE THE SUPPLY AND
DELIVERY OF OIL TO ISRAEL IN THE ABOVE CONTINGENCIES.
END QUOTE.

2. WE HAVE AGREED TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION

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IN EFFORT MEET ISRAELI OBJECTIONS WHILE PROTECTING BASIC

U.S. INTERESTS AND REMAINING WITHIN OUR LEGISLATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS. FOLLOWING IS TEXT WE CURRENTLY HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION: QUOTE ISRAEL WILL SEEK TO MAKE ITS OWN INDEPENDENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OIL SUPPLY TO MEET ITS REQUIREMENTS THROUGH PURCHASES IN THE MARKET. IN THE EVENT ISRAEL IS UNABLE TO SECURE ITS NEEDS IN THIS WAY, THE USG, UPON NOTIFICATION OF THIS FACT BY THE GOI, WILL ACT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IF THE OIL ISRAEL NEEDS TO MEET ALL ITS NORMAL REQUIREMENTS IS UNAVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE NO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS EXIST ON THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROCURE OIL TO MEET ITS NORMAL REQUIREMENTS, THE USG WILL ENSURE PROMPTLY THE PHYSICAL SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OIL TO ISRAEL TO MEET ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF ISRAEL.

(B) IF AN EMBARGO PREVENTS ISRAEL FROM OBTAINING ALL ITS NORMAL SUPPLIES OF OIL IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS THROUGH EMBARGO OR OTHERWISE ALSO PREVENT THE UNITED STATES FROM PROCURING OIL TO MEET ITS NORMAL REQUIREMENTS, THE USG WILL ENSURE PROMPTLY THE PHYSICAL SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OIL TO ISRAEL TO MEET ISRAEL'S ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IEA CONSERVATION AND ALLOCATION FORMULA AS APPLIED BY THE USG.

THE USG ASSURES ISRAEL OF ITS INTENTIONS TO INFORM THE CONGRESS, BASED ON EXISTING LEGAL AUTHORITY, OF ITS UNDERTAKING TO ACT PROMPTLY TO ENSURE THE PHYSICAL SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OIL TO ISRAEL IN THE ABOVE CONTINGENCIES. ISRAELI AND US EXPERTS WILL MEET ANNUALLY, OR MORE FREQUENTLY AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER PARTY, TO REVIEW ISRAEL'S CONTINUING OIL REQUIREMENTS AND TO DETERMINE IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS AGREED DEFINITIONS OF ISRAEL'S "NORMAL" AND "ESSENTIAL" NEEDS. UNQUOTE.

3. FOREGOING LANGUAGE ON OIL SUPPLY WILL FOLLOW INTRODUCTORY UMBRELLA PARAGRAPH WHICH READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE USG WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS RESOURCES AND CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION, ON AN ON-GOING AND LONG-TERM BASIS TO ISRAEL'S MILITARY
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EQUIPMENT AND OTHER DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, TO ITS ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND TO ITS ECONOMIC NEEDS. END QUOTE.

4. PLEASE LET US HAVE BY 0800 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, JERUSALEM TIME, YOUR COMMENTS AND ANY SUGGESTED REVISIONS IN FORMULATION IN PARA 2 ABOVE, CLEARED TO EXTENT YOU DEEM ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL WITHIN USG, BEARING IN MIND URGENCY AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT.

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